

THE FIRST ANNUAL PARKER-  
O'QUINN TROPHY

**HON. JAY DICKEY**

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, October 19, 2000*

Mr. DICKEY. Mr. Speaker, on Friday, October 13, 2000, I had the honor of participating in the presentation of the first annual "Parker-O'Quinn Trophy" to the Fordyce Redbug Football Team. Today, I want to honor the great football rivalry between two great South Arkansas communities, Fordyce and Warren.

Out of this rivalry has come people such as Paul "Bear" Bryant, Larry Lacewell, and other notable leaders and football stars. Out of this came the rivalry between two great coaches, Coach Mickey O'Quinn and Coach Jimmy "Red" Parker.

The Fordyce/Warren football rivalry has always been a major event in South Arkansas. It was never more heated and fierce than during the O'Quinn and Parker era. These two coaches were known for their competitive and innovative approaches to the great game of football.

Both Coach Parker and Coach O'Quinn went on to become legends in their own fields and in their own time. I can attest personally to the feelings of love and affection from those students that played for and learned with them. The lessons learned playing for these two great coaches last a lifetime: determination, dedication, a willingness to work, a strong desire to win, and a spirit of sportsmanship in defeat. All of these lessons make for better citizens and better communities. South Arkansas is blessed to have had two coaches of this caliber pass our way in our time.

There is an uncommon bond of friendship and respect among the players, fans and coaches from the O'Quinn and Parker time; one that goes beyond mere competition. Instead it is a bond that symbolizes the spirit of the people of South Arkansas.

Warren and Fordyce are natural rivals but also natural friends. Never was this more apparent than in the relationship between two coaches that are the most spirited of rivals and the greatest of friends.

Now, we come to a new era and a renewal of the competitive spirit between the two rivals, symbolized by the "Parker-O'Quinn Trophy".

HONORING PASTOR CHARLES  
SIMS, JR.

**HON. PETER J. VISCLOSKY**

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, October 19, 2000*

Mr. VISCLOSKY. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pleasure and admiration that I congratulate Pastor Charles Sims, Jr. for his ten years of dedicated service to Saint Philip Lutheran Church in Gary, Indiana. One of the longest tenured Lutheran pastors to serve in the city of Gary, the members of St. Philip deeply appreciate Pastor Sims' unflinching dedication to strengthening the parish community. To recognize his commitment to St. Philip Church, his parishioners are hosting a celebration dinner in his honor, entitled "Staying the Course, Answering the Call," on November 11, 2000.

From modest beginnings, St. Philip has grown into an integral part of the area and neighborhood. The community activism and social awareness displayed by the congregation has made a lasting difference to the citizens of Gary. The parishioners' outreach and concern for their fellow man can be attributed in large part to the efforts of Pastor Sims. He has consistently shown the courage and leadership necessary to effect change in his community.

Originally named Tarrytown Lutheran Church, St. Philip was constructed in 1956 to serve the spiritual needs of African-American Lutherans living on the far west side of Gary. During its dedication service on January 20, 1957, the congregation renamed the Church. On October 22, 1967 the members of the parish dedicated a new educational wing to the church. Located at 3545 West 20th Place in Gary, the church has been a foundation of the community for many years.

Many ministers sustained St. Philip during its first 34 years of existence. Some of the preachers held permanent assignments, while others worked on a part-time basis. On October 21, 1990 the loyal congregation of St. Philip was blessed to have Pastor Sims, a graduate of Chicago University's Lutheran Seminary, accepted the call to lead the St. Philip parish.

Mr. Speaker, I ask you and my other distinguished colleagues to join me in congratulating Pastor Charles Sims, Jr. for his decade of tireless service to the members of St. Philip Lutheran Church and the Gary community. We are fortunate to have such an outstanding leader in our community, and I hope the people of St. Philip enjoy many more decades under Pastor Sims' spiritual guidance. His vision and spiritual mission have made Northwest Indiana a better place to live and work.

RETIRED MARINE COLONEL BRIAN  
QUIRK SEEKS PROPER BURIAL  
FOR WWII WAR HERO REMAINS

**HON. WILLIAM O. LIPINSKI**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, October 19, 2000*

Mr. LIPINSKI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize a dear friend of mine, retired Marine Colonel Brian Quirk, on his endless desire to preserve the lives of our fallen war heroes.

At the annual convention of the Marine Corps League in New Orleans, Louisiana, Colonel Quirk proposed a resolution that the United States Congress demands an apology from the Japanese government. This proposal arose because of unanswered questions regarding incidents on the small Pacific island called Makin Island between August and October of 1942.

In August of 1942, Colonel Quirk was on the submarine with Donnie Robertson of Franklin, Louisiana, a Marine who is thought to have been beheaded by the Japanese on Makin Island. Colonel Quirk and Private Robertson were comrades during WWII en route to Makin Island. They were both privates and members of the Carlson's Raiders, a group of 220 Marines headed by a celebrated fighter who had done a tour with the Chinese Army against the Japanese in the 1930s. They were under the command of James Roosevelt, the son of

President Franklin Roosevelt. The mission of the Carlson's Raiders in August of 1942 was to attack the Japanese on Makin Island. It was believed that there were only 100 Japanese on the island. The battle lasted one morning and all the Japanese were believed to be dead.

About 140 wounded American Marines left the island by boat, which left behind about 60 Marines on Makin Island. Private Robertson and four other Marines volunteered to leave the submarine to rescue the remaining men on the island. The five men journeyed in a rubber boat back to the island, but were spotted by Japanese aircraft and bombed in the water. The five men were presumed dead.

From this point on in the story little more is known. However, there is record that nine or ten Marines had surrendered to the Japanese on Makin Island at the end of September. There is also record that nine Marines were beheaded in October of 1942. This leaves many unanswered questions for the family and friends of our fallen war heroes who may have been involved in this attack.

Colonel Quirk is now actively seeking answers, more importantly, an apology from the Japanese government for their inhumane treatment of our Marines. This is a 58-year-old mystery that Colonel Quirk is determined to discover the truth. I commend Colonel Quirk on his quest for the truth.

WELCOMING AANA "FALL ASSEMBLY OF STATES" TO SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS

**HON. HENRY BONILLA**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, October 19, 2000*

Mr. BONILLA. Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the people of the largest city in my Texas congressional district, I want to welcome the American Association of Nurse Anesthetists Fall Assembly of States to the City of San Antonio, for their November 9-12, 2000 meeting.

The 28,000 member AANA will bring to downtown San Antonio Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetists (CRNAs) from every State and the District of Columbia to review issues in anesthesia and health care. These include improving patient safety, expanding educational opportunities to meet workforce shortages, and examining health care policy in Washington, DC, and the States. As a member of the House Appropriations Subcommittee on Labor, HHS and Education, I know that the taxpayers are making major investments in health research, in health professions education, and in providing quality health care to seniors and to people who are disadvantaged. The value of each of these depends on individual health professionals like CRNAs to carry out this important work through continuing professional development.

In addition, this meeting will mark the final association gathering for AANA's longtime executive director, John Garde, and the debut of the association's new executive director, Jeff Beutler. Mr. Garde, of Park Ridge, Illinois, has enjoyed a distinguished career as a CRNA, an educator, an officer and past president of the AANA, and for the past 17 years he has served as the association's executive director. His successor, Mr. Beutler, is a past AANA